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SUBJ: USG/GOC BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

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1. EC/COM COUNSELOR AND COMATT CALLED ON INCOMEX DIRECTOR ALBERTO GALEANO ON JAN 14 TO DISCUSS UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, GALEANO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH RELATE TO POSITION LIKELY TO BE TAKEN BY GOC:

A) ALTHOUGH THE VALUE OF TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE US HAS BEEN GROWING, COLOMBIA'S SHARE OF THE US MARKET HAS DECLINED.

B) TEXTILES ARE ADMITTEDLY ONE OF MANY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES IN THE US BUT THEY ARE THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY IN COLOMBIA.

C) THE LARGE BILATERAL TRADE BALANCE IN FAVOR OF THE US CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AS THIS WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON COLOMBIAN ECONOMY.

D) EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RESTRICTIONS ON LA IMPORTS DESIGNED TO FAVOR FORMER AFRICAN COLONIES MAKE IT ESSENTIAL FOR COLOMBIA TO HAVE ADEQUATE MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE US.

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2. GALEANO SAID THE GOC HOPED TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE US ON THE ISSUES THIS MONTH SO THAT AN AGREEMENT COULD BE NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED IN MARCH. HE NOTED THAT COLOMBIA WAS INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS OF THE US-HAITI AGREEMENT (WHICH HE CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE SEEN) AND WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THE RESULTS OF THE USG'S DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER LA COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT AT THE VERY LEAST THE GOC WILL SEEK TO STABILIZE ITS SHARE OF THE US MARKET WITH AN AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDING REASONABLE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES. COLOMBIA CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED TO STRESS THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN LA AND THE US AS A REASON FOR GENEROUS TREATMENT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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